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Examiner: Hadizonooz, B.

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office action of August 10, 2007.

Claims 1-7 are present in the application.

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lousig-Nont (US 4,358,279).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Upon initial consideration it appears that the cited patent is somewhat pertinent to applicant's invention. However, upon closer examination and study of the Office action and the cited patent there is very little, if any, similarity.

Applicant's claimed invention is directed to a template "for evaluating and scoring designated pairs of responses..." and "A method for evaluating designated pairs of responses to a series of questions...." The cited patent does not involve evaluating any pairs of items. Rather, the citation produces a cumulative score for a series of separate questions.

The Examiner asserts that the citation teaches a pathway as defined in applicant's claims 1 and 6, and refers to Column 4, lines 19-300 and 38-41. The references "to rationalize dishonesty" and to a "specific dishonest act if given the chance..." are separate, individual answers that can be graded in favor of, or disfavor of, the person's honesty. Contrary to this, applicant's invention evaluates honesty by evaluating pairs of answers for consistency of answers.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that there is a great difference between the citation and the

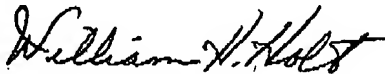
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invention as claimed in independent claims 1 and 6, and the claims depending therefrom.

Applicant again wishes to make himself available for an interview with the Examiner to expedite prosecution of the application and would appreciate an indication of the Examiner's willingness at an early opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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